

Reports of Birth Abroad

The Consular Report of Birth Abroad is issued to parents following positive adjudication of their child's claim to United States citizenship. The child's claim **must be adjudicated** before a US passport can be issued. Please find a list of required items for adjudication below.

For Civilian Families

- Child's German birth certificate ("**Abstammungsurkunde**"). There are four kinds of German birth certificates. Be sure you get the "**Abstammungsurkunde**".
 - U.S. passport(s) of parent(s);
 - Naturalization Certificate(s) of parent(s) if applicable;
 - Parent's marriage certificate
 - If either or both parents were previously married, evidence of termination of prior marriage(s), divorce decree(s) or death certificate(s) of former spouse(s);
- Fee: \$ 65 or Euro equivalent

For Military Families

Military families must register their children through their Personnel Service Battalions. If one parent is serving with the U.S. Forces, **the documents required are the same as above, with the following exceptions:**

- A copy of the child's U.S. military hospital birth certificate (with original signature) may be presented instead of the German birth certificate.
- The military parent may present his/her ID card and a certified copy of his/her U.S. birth certificate instead of a passport. (Please note: The birth certificate must be issued by the state vital statistics office and bear the seal of that office; hospital birth certificates are not acceptable.)

Passport Issuance:

Once the Report of Birth is completed, the child may be issued a U.S. passport. Two **identical passport photos** measuring 2x2 inches (5x5 cm), with a light background, are **required**. The photos may not be instant or machine-made photos, but may be color or black/white.

Please note: All documents presented **must be originals or certified copies** from the office of vital records. Copies made by you or anyone else outside the office of vital records are not certified copies even if they are notarized. Certified copies normally have either a raised or printed seal from the issuing office.

Applications are accepted by **appointment only**. Please send an e-mail to frnbirthabroad@state.gov, and include your name, phone number, and any preferences for the day of your appointment. We will then contact you by phone or e-mail to confirm the date of your appointment.
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